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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE

HEARINGS ON DETENTE (S/S NO. 7617127)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM H - JENKINS, ACTING

1. DANTE FASCELL IS SCHEDULING HEARINGS ON DETENTE AND HAS REQUESTED APPEARANCE BY SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN ON AUGUST 31 OR SEPTEMBER 1. OTHER WITNESSES ALREADY SCHEDULED ARE GEORGE BALL (AUGUST 25), PAUL NITZE AND JAN LODELL (SEPTEMBER 2). STIMULATED BY AUGUST 9 EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN, WHICH ASSERTS SECDEF AND JSC ARE RESISTING SALT II, FASCELL IS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER TO INCLUDE SOMEONE FROM DOD.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE HEARINGS WILL ENCOMPASS THE STATUS OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS, CURRENT ESTIMATES OF SOVIET DEFENSE BUDGET, POSSIBLE CHANGES IN SOVIET STRENGTH AND INTERESTS, AND VIEWS OF WITNESSES ON ISSUES SUCH AS SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. HEARINGS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED BY SEVERAL HIRC MEMBERS, INCLUDING SOME OUTSIDE THE SUBCOMMITTEE (E.G., BROOMFIELD AND HAMILTON).

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3. FASCELL, RECOGNIZING THE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES FOR YOU, NONETHELESS HOPES YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FULL HIRC AS THE FINAL WITNESS IN THIS SERIES OF HEARINGS.

4. EVANS/NOVAK ON SALT II PLUS THE MINI-FLAP OVER SOVIET VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT OF THE TTBT LOOK TO US LIKE HARBINGERS OF A JACKSON-STIMULATED EFFORT TO REKINDLE THE WHOLE ISSUE OF SOVIET GOOD FAITH AND DETENTE. FASCELL HEARINGS COULD WELL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROCESS, THEREBY COMPLICATING THE PRESIDENT'S FREEDOM OF ACTION IN DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT COIN IS THAT THE HEARINGS PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR US TO STATE OUR POSITION AND STRIP AWAY THE MISINFORMATION AND INNUENDO WHICH STILL OBSCURE PUBLIC COMPREHENSION OF THE US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. THE HIRC IS ONE OF THE MORE SYMPATHETIC PLATFORMS WE COULD FIND TO DO THIS.

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE MAKE THE MOST OF THE FASCELL OPPORTUNITY AND AGREE TO THE SONNENFELDT/HARTMAN APPEARANCE AUGUST 31 OR SEPTEMBER 1 AND FOLLOW-UP WITH YOUR APPEARANCE IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

6. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE SONNENFELDT/HARTMAN APPEARANCE.

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- THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO CONFIRM YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR AS FINAL WITNESS.

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- ALTERNATIVELY, INDICATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO APPEAR AS THE WRAP-UP WITNESS IN LIEU OF SONNENFELDT/HARTMAN APPEARANCE.

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